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FALL SOWS IN 10 STATES UP 5 PERCENT:

The number of sows farrowed and intended to farrow in the fall of 1959 (June through November) for 10 Corn Belt States is 5 percent larger than in 1958 and 23 percent larger than the 1948-57 average, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number is now estimated at 4,501,000 for the 10 States (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas). Farrowings are above a year earlier in 8 States but below last year in Wisconsin and South Dakota. Increases are 9 percent in Minnesota, 8 percent in Missouri, 7 percent in Iowa, 6 percent in Ohio, 4 percent in Illinois, and 1 percent in Indiana, Kansas, and Nebraska. The September 1 survey indicates a decrease of 2 percent or 95,000 sows from the farrowing intentions reported for these States as of June 1, 1959. The 10 States included in this report accounted for 75 percent of the United States 1958 total pig crop.

JUNE-AUGUST FARROWINGS UP 4 PERCENT:

Sows farrowed in the 10 States during June, July, and August totaled 2,426,000 head, 4 percent more than during the same period a year earlier. This was 1 percent less than was indicated for this period in June. June-August farrowings for these 10 States represent 54 percent of the estimated June-November total compared with the average of 50 percent. Farmers' reports indicate that the number of sows farrowed in June and July were larger than for the same months a year earlier, while August farrowings declined slightly.

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER INTENDED FARROWINGS UP 5 PERCENT:

Sows bred and intended for farrowing in September, October, and November this year in the 10 States totaled 2,075,000 head--5 percent more than a year earlier and 14 percent above average. This is 3 percent less than the farrowing intentions reported for these States in June. The decrease from June intentions occurred in the Western Corn Belt States.

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Sows farrowing by quarters, Selected Corn Belt States

State	June through August				September through November			
	Average 1948-57	1958	1959	1959 as % of 1958	Average 1948-57	1958	1959 1/	1959 as % of 1958
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	153	160	171	107	185	151	159	105
Ind	309	341	335	98	220	186	197	106
Ill	289	418	416	100	337	364	397	109
Wis	96	132	129	98	85	91	90	99
Minn	163	218	235	108	125	160	177	111
Iowa	492	609	675	111	442	560	576	103
Mo	187	239	251	105	235	239	265	111
S.Dak	36	58	59	102	29	52	45	87
Nebr	69	99	104	105	99	116	113	97
Kans	40	52	51	98	63	54	56	104
Total 10 States	1,833	2,326	2,426	104	1,819	1,973	2,075	105

State	June through November Total				December through February 3/				
	Average 1948-57	1958	1959 2/	1959 as % of 1958	Average 1948-57	1958	1959	1960 1/	1960 as % of 1959
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	338	311	330	106	121	142	160	160	100
Ind	528	527	532	101	226	301	315	305	97
Ill	625	782	813	104	188	325	363	363	100
Wis	181	223	219	98	57	96	121	121	100
Minn	288	378	412	109	74	139	188	147	78
Iowa	934	1,169	1,251	107	246	460	537	537	100
Mo	422	478	516	108	142	205	225	218	97
S.Dak	65	110	104	95	17	40	53	53	100
Nebr	168	215	217	101	51	95	121	104	86
Kans	103	106	107	101	39	53	62	55	89
Total 10 States	3,652	4,299	4,501	105	1,162	1,856	2,145	2,063	96

1/ Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.
2/ Sum of June through August farrowings and September through November intentions to farrow.
3/ December preceding year.

Hogs and pigs: Number on farms by classes September 1, Selected Corn Belt States

State	Under 3 months				3 to 6 months			
	1957	1958	1959	1959 as % of 1958	1957	1958	1959	1959 as % of 1958
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	1,080	1,138	1,189	104	1,330	1,219	1,275	105
Ind	2,220	2,500	2,395	96	1,805	1,640	1,790	109
Ill	2,490	3,000	2,965	99	3,880	3,650	3,825	105
Wis	705	895	861	96	1,225	1,198	1,129	94
Minn	1,220	1,530	1,630	107	2,640	2,490	2,560	103
Iowa	3,639	4,440	4,910	111	8,607	8,104	8,520	105
Mo	1,354	1/	1,760	1/	1,750	1/	1,970	1/
S.Dak	268	395	380	96	1,464	1,635	1,740	106
Nebr	478	680	700	103	1,647	1,700	1,880	111
Kans	243	364	363	100	489	471	534	113
Total 9 States 2/	12,343	14,942	15,393	103	23,087	22,107	23,253	105
Total 10 States	13,697	1/	17,153	1/	24,837	1/	25,223	1/

State	Total under 6 months				6 months and older				All hogs and pigs			
	1957	1958	1959	1959 as % of 1958	1957	1958	1959	1959 as % of 1958	1957	1958	1959	1959 as % of 1958
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	2,410	2,357	2,464	105	746	767	785	102	3,156	3,124	3,249	104
Ind	4,025	4,140	4,185	101	1,165	1,154	1,215	105	5,190	5,294	5,400	102
Ill	6,370	6,650	6,790	102	1,489	1,602	1,710	107	7,859	8,252	8,500	103
Wis	1,930	2,093	1,990	95	446	497	470	95	2,376	2,590	2,460	95
Minn	3,860	4,020	4,190	104	646	892	968	109	4,506	4,912	5,158	105
Iowa	12,246	12,544	13,430	107	1,756	2,158	2,301	107	14,002	14,702	15,731	107
Mo	3,104	1/	3,730	1/	955	1/	1,160	1/	4,059	1/	4,890	1/
S.Dak	1,732	2,030	2,120	104	247	305	332	109	1,979	2,335	2,452	105
Nebr	2,125	2,380	2,580	108	375	570	606	106	2,500	2,950	3,186	108
Kans	732	835	897	107	187	240	253	105	919	1,075	1,150	107
Total 9 States 2/	35,430	37,049	38,646	104	7,057	8,185	8,640	106	42,487	45,234	47,286	105
Total 10 States	38,534	1/	42,376	1/	8,012	1/	9,800	1/	46,546	1/	52,176	1/

1/ Not available.
2/ Excludes Missouri.

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DECEMBER-FEBRUARY INTENTIONS DOWN 4 PERCENT:

Reported breeding intentions indicate 2,063,000 sows to farrow during the 1960 winter quarter (December 1959 through February 1960) compared with 2,145,000 sows farrowed during the same period a year earlier. Five States, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and South Dakota, indicate the same number of sows will be farrowed during this quarter as farrowed a year earlier, but decreases are intended in the following States, generally in the Western Corn Belt. Decreases are Minnesota, 22 percent; Nebraska, 14 percent; Kansas, 11 percent; Indiana and Missouri, 3 percent.

ALL HOGS AND PIGS UP 5 PERCENT:

The number of all hogs and pigs on farms September 1, 1959 in 9 States totaled 47,286,000 head. (Data for Missouri for 1958 are not available on a quarterly basis). This is 5 percent more than the 45,234,000 head a year earlier. All States except Wisconsin have more hogs on farms this September than a year earlier. Increases range from 2 percent in Indiana to 8 percent in Nebraska. Hogs and pigs 6 months old and over totaled 8,640,000 head, 6 percent more than last year. This reflects the increase in sows and gilts held for fall farrowings. The number under 6 months of age was 5 percent more than last September. Pigs 3 to 6 months of age were 5 percent above those held a year earlier. Pigs under 3 months of age were 3 percent above a year earlier, while sows farrowed June-August were 4 percent above last year. This indicates a decrease in litter size compared with a year earlier. The 15,393,000 pigs under 3 months old on farms September 1 accounted for 33 percent of all hogs. Pigs 3-6 months of age totaled 23,253,000 head, or 49 percent of all hogs.

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